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MEMORANDUM FOR STANDARDIZATION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Call for Color Submittals – FED-STD-595B, “Colors Used in Government Procurement”

The General Services Administration Federal Supply Service intends to revise FED-STD-595B by May 2007. In preparation for coordinating that revision, and because FED-STD-595 is one of the most widely referenced documents in the Department of Defense, they are inviting the standardization community to submit new colors for inclusion in the revision. Once new colors are added, as appropriate, the document will be coordinated and revised.

The Defense Standardization Program Office will be collecting all inputs from Standardization Management Activities. Inputs are due to DSPO, Karen Bond, no later than **April 2, 2007**. Please see the attachment from GSA outlining the procedures for submitting new colors.

Please indicate in your response whether you would like to review and comment on the draft revision to FED-STD-595B when available. We will only be coordinating with those offices that have indicated a review interest.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Bond at (703) 767-6871 or via email at Karen.Bond@dla.mil.

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Attachment

Attachment 1

Revision Preparation, Fed-Std-595B, Colors Used in Government Procurement, (11 Jan 94) Coordination of New Colors

Background: Federal Standard 595, Colors Used in Government Procurement (11 Jan 94) is due for revision in late-Spring 2007. This next revision is to retain full reference data for the current 610 color references, as well as reference data for newly nominated colors as appropriate.

Current Initiative: During the next six months, Defense Standardization Program Office invites the Standardization Management Activities to identify and submit samples of any new color(s) that need to be defined in Federal Standard 595 to support their mission.

Procedures for New Color Submittal: Any activity wishing to add a new color to the Federal Standard should submit the following data package to the Defense Standardization Program Office.

- A. Five "concept color" panels, 3.5 x 6.5 inches in size as defined in ASTM D 5531-05, Standard Guide for Preparation, Maintenance, and Distribution of Physical Product Standards for Color and Geometric Appearance of Coatings.
- B. Associated Tri-stimulus values expressed in Illuminant C or D65 (daylight), Illuminant A (incandescent tungsten lamplight), Illuminant F (standard cool white fluorescent lamp) in accordance with ASTM E308-01 Standard Practice for Computing the Colors of Objects by Using the CIE System. (Reference CIE 1931 2-degree observer using 0° - 45° illumination, Hunter Colorimeter.)
- C. 60° Specular Gloss calculated in accordance with Standard Number ASTM D 523, Test Method for Specular Gloss

Contact Information: Activities should mail data packages to the Defense Standardization Program Office at the following address so that they arrive no later than April 2, 2007. Questions regarding this initiative can be addressed to Ms. Karen Bond at the e-mail address given below.

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